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14 December 1955

**MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)**

**ATTENTION: Assistant to DD/I (Planning)**

**FROM: Assistant Director for Basic Intelligence**

**SUBJECT: OBI War Plan**

1. I am enclosing the draft of OBI Annex to the DD/I War Plan in response to your memorandum for Intelligence Assistant Directors dated 1 July 1955.

2. This Annex is based on the concept that the NIS Program operating under the direction of the interdepartmental NIS Committee is the proper and most effective instrument to coordinate the production of basic intelligence required by the government in the event of global war.

3. There is now available in the published NIS a broad base of well integrated basic intelligence, in contrast to the serious deficiencies extending through most of World War II. Production of NIS is continuing at the rate, and in accordance with current priorities, established by The Joint Chiefs of Staff. This will provide in increasing measure the essential elements of basic intelligence required by the major high commands and planning staffs as well as the policy levels of government. Backstopping these published documents are the extensive files of detailed information maintained by the more than forty government activities which contribute their specialized skills to the NIS Program.

4. However, beyond the published NIS there will be special basic intelligence requirements of The Joint Chiefs of Staff, Theater Commanders, and other high level operational and planning groups which will call for a coordinated production effort best fulfilled through the well established NIS mechanism.

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5. During the course of a future war the NIS will give priority to filling intelligence gaps and revising NIS on areas of military importance; to the production of such special NIS studies as may be required by the military situation; and to the development and integration of new basic intelligence requirements stemming from the impact of modern warfare.

6. In the postwar period the occupational forces will have urgent need of basic intelligence support of military government operations; and, with the return of peace, there will be the formidable task of revising and bringing up to date large segments of the NIS to reflect the world-wide changes wrought by the war.

7. The War Plan for the Office of Basic Intelligence is designed to fulfill the responsibilities of this Agency in the NIS Program, and to fulfill specialized requirements in the field of basic intelligence through the medium of this program.

Enclosure:

Annex - OBI War Plan

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**ANNEX**

**WAR PLAN**

**OFFICE OF BASIC INTELLIGENCE**

**(Prepared by OBI)**

**I. General**

- A. **Purpose:** To define the OBI mission in the event of global war and the manner of accomplishing this mission.
- B. **Assumptions:** The assumptions of this Annex are the basic assumptions of the Global War Plan for the DD/I Area with the following additions:
  - 1. That, in the event of global war, OBI will continue to be the medium through which the Director of Central Intelligence discharges the responsibilities imposed upon him by Subparagraph 1a(5), NSCID No. 3.
  - 2. That The Joint Chiefs of Staff, Theater Commanders, and other high-level operational and planning groups will generate basic intelligence requirements, in addition to those for National Intelligence Surveys (NIS), which will require inter-agency coordination by OBI.
  - 3. That the Departments of State and Defense will satisfy their own departmental requirements for basic intelligence involving detail transcending the scope of the NIS.

**II. Mission**

**The AD/BI will:**

- A. **Coordinate the production and maintenance of the NIS, utilizing the NIS Committee as the principal medium in executing this function.**
- B. **Accomplish the editing, publication, and dissemination of the NIS.**

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- C. Coordinate the satisfying of high-level special basic intelligence requirements which involve inter-agency effort, utilizing the NIS Committee and subcommittees thereof as the principal mediums in executing this function.
- D. Undertake such other functions and services of common concern as may be assigned by the DD/I.

### III. Phases of Accomplishment

#### A. Pre M-Day

1. Coordination of the production and maintenance of the NIS and accomplishment of editing, publication and dissemination thereof will continue without change under present directives and according to schedules now in effect and to be formulated.
2. Emphasis will continue to be placed on the production, maintenance, publication, and dissemination of the NIS, and particularly CHAPTERS I thereof, according to Joint Staff priorities, in order to satisfy these priorities to the maximum extent possible prior to M-Day.
3. Personnel and equipment requirements in support of the War Plan provided by this Annex will be prepared and revised as necessary (see OBI Mobilization Plan).
4. When appropriate, and with the approval of the DD/I, the plans set forth in this Annex will be coordinated with CIA offices (ORR, OSI, FI, OCI) and the IAC and civilian agencies concerned:
  - a. The over-all features of the plans herein set forth will be coordinated with like features of the basic intelligence War Plans of these offices and agencies.
  - b. The emergency evacuation plan for OBI will be coordinated with similar plans for basic intelligence components of these offices and agencies.
  - c. Agreements will be obtained with basic intelligence producing agencies for the detail of liaison officers with OBI to expedite wartime production.

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- d. Arrangements will be made with the Government Printing Office or private printing establishments for expedited wartime publication of the NIS.
- e. Arrangements will be made for the appointment of an advisory member from the Joint Staff to sit permanently with the NIS Committee.

**B. Initial Wartime Operation**

- 1. If evacuation is necessary, OBI will deploy to the relocation center, physically install itself, and re-establish communications with the DD/I, with pertinent components of CIA, and with the IAC and civilian agencies.
- 2. Implement the OBI Mobilization Plan by taking the necessary initial steps for converting military reservists, the phased calling in of CIA reserve personnel, obtaining the assignment of military personnel from the Services, and augmenting civilian personnel strength in terms of mobilization requirements (see OBI Mobilization Plan).
- 3. Initiate the training of new personnel in the performance of their duties.
- 4. Verify agreements and arrangements with other agencies for wartime operations and initiate action as required.
- 5. With regard to NIS on areas of military importance, assure that priority of the highest order is given to completing any such NIS as remain incomplete and to filling gaps in basic intelligence and revising such NIS accordingly.
- 6. Arrange for undertaking the production of such additional NIS Supplements, Special NIS, or both, as the military situation may require.
- 7. Arrange for inter-agency production in response to high-level special basic intelligence requirements, such arrangement to include establishment of appropriate NIS Subcommittees.
- 8. Provide such other services of common concern as the DD/I may direct.

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**C. Build-up Post D-Day**

1. Continue the coordination of the basic intelligence activities set forth in Subparagraphs III B5, 6, and 7 above.
2. Continue the accomplishment of editing, publishing, and disseminating the NIS.
3. Continue necessary training on an expanded scale.
4. Build up to planned mobilization strength and re-evaluate personnel needs as functions and requirements become fully clarified.
5. In collaboration with other agencies concerned, formulate plans for meeting probable postwar basic intelligence requirements.
6. Continue to provide such other services of common concern as the DD/I may direct.

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